

# REBUTON

## A MYSTERY STORY OF NEW YORK

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(Continued from Friday.)

"It was plain to us that the package contained the jewels, and that he intended to dispose of them at once—probably the next morning. That night the jewels would be in his room—and it was our last chance. Juan came to see me just after dinner. We talked it all over, and made our final plans. In the first place, it seemed best for Juan to do the work himself. I am a woman, and very weak with grief and illness. I could do nothing in case I was discovered. Though Juan had never been in the room, I could tell him exactly where to look—there seemed to be a strong box for that very purpose.

"Then we considered another thing—how we should both get away. At first we decided that I should leave the house early, and that Juan, after getting the jewels, should follow me. But he did not dare to make the attempt before one or two o'clock in the morning, when Capt. Hanska would surely be asleep—even the heaviest sleepers sometime lie awake a long time after they go to bed. Mrs. Moore, we knew, was very watchful—she was afraid of burglars and she had a habit of running to the door whenever any one entered or left during the night. She would know that I had gone out; if Juan left at one or two in the morning, Mrs. Moore would take alarm, knowing as she did that I was out of the house. Being nervous and ignorant, she was likely, we felt, to seize him or to give some sort of an alarm. We were thinking of every possibility, you see. These things being necessary for me to tell, that you may understand what happened later."

(This in answer to an objection of Inspector McGee, who was urging her to come to the point.)

"At about 10 o'clock, we decided just what to do. "Juan and I are about of a size. I am large for a woman. He is small for a man. We do not resemble each other in the upper part of the face, but our mouths and chins are very much alike. It was one of our games at home to dress in each other's clothes. I would put on his ulster, pull his hat far down over my eyes, and fool people into believing that I was he. Further, his voice is light, and he can talk in falsetto. This was an old family game. We played eternally on the resemblance in the charade and theatricals that English people are always getting up.

"This was our plan: we were to change clothes. We had heard people singing in the parlor all that evening. The boarders all knew that Juan sometimes sang falsetto in fun. I was to watch my chance when the hall was vacant, pass the parlor, sing just a little in my own voice to make them believe I was Juan singing falsetto, and go to his room, where I was to wait. The night was rainy. It was natural, therefore, that I should be bundled up in a mackintosh and have my hat pulled down over my eyes. "Dressed in my clothes, Juan was to enter Capt. Hanska's room, get the jewels, leave by the door, go down the stairs, and join me. I used sometimes to get a little indoor exercise in the early morning when I need not wake the household. I was to go to the door, look out, and when most of the city lights are out, so that the eyes have less strain. If Mrs. Moore looked out, and saw Juan in my clothes, she would think it was I going for my exercise and take no alarm.

"In case Juan failed, he was to go back to my room and telephone to me, speaking Spanish, and imitating my voice. Then, still dressed as Juan, I was to return to Mrs. Moore's early next morning and change clothes—but that part of our plan does not matter.

"We began everything just as we planned. As I went down the stairs, I passed Mrs. Moore. In the hall, I saw a young man—Mr. Wade, I believe. I showed myself at the door and looked in, and sang a little. By the way they laughed and spoke, I knew that I had deceived them.

"I went straight to Juan's room. The elevator man in his hotel was fooled just as much as the boarders. It seems, I waited there a long time. Then Juan telephoned to me, talking in Spanish and calling me Juan, as if he were I. He said that Capt. Hanska had been murdered and for me to come at once to him—that he needed me—he said it all as a hysterical woman would. Somehow I managed to do as he asked. I had to pass Capt. Hanska's door. I heard people making a noise outside, but I did not enter. But right by the door I saw something bright. I knew it at once—it was one of my diamond buckles—one of the jewels which Capt. Hanska had stolen from me. I picked it up, and went to my room. Juan was there—in my dress. He kept me from fainting or dying while we changed back to our own clothes. I know the rest from Juan. Shall I tell it?"

"At about this point, occurred one of those interruptions of expletives, broken sentences, pleas, prayers, which always mark a confession for legal purposes, and is, therefore, edited out by the police before the finished typewritten statement goes back to the witness for his signature. This extraneous matter, you see, tends to create in the minds of unthinking persons a false sentiment for the criminal."

"Juan said that he waited until after 1 o'clock. The house was quiet. From the window of the lumber-room, he crawled to the fire-escape. That window had a spring-catch—you had only to pull it down and it locked of itself. Since he intended to leave Capt. Hanska's room by the door, he closed this window behind him in order to cover up his tracks. That window of the captain's room which led to the fire-escape, was open for ventilation. The rain was drifting through it. It occurred to Juan that everything would be safer if he closed it—he was afraid that a gust of wind might blow spray into Capt. Hanska's face, and wake him. He did that; and he fastened the sash with

the catch. Capt. Hanska was asleep, breathing very heavily. Remember that.

"You have seen the room. The bureau where I found the strong-box, was in the corner farthest from the window which Juan had just entered. Between it and the window were a table and Capt. Hanska's bed. Juan carried out pocket electric torch. He turned it on the inside of the top bureau drawer. The box was there. Also, the key was in its lock. Juan thought it would be better to take the key with him, and he did so, doing that he could find whether the bill of sale was with the jewels, or whether he would have to search further for it. That was his great mistake. It was a trick box. Inside was an alarm-bell which rang whenever the cover was lifted.

"Juan opened it; the bell rang. Capt. Hanska awoke at once. Juan had no time to move before Capt. Hanska pressed the button at the head of his bed and turned on the electric light. It must have bewildered him for a moment when he saw what appeared to be a woman standing by his bureau. He had one of his terrible spells of temper now. He began to curse Juan. And then his hands went up to his head all of a sudden, and he tumbled over with all his might. He did not know that Juan did not thrust—he is sure now he did not thrust—he only held the knife steady—but it pierced Capt. Hanska through." (In this place, Detective Kennedy had to edit the statement a great deal in order to make it seem for the official archives.)

"Juan is a swordsman. He picked up the knife to stop the captain by threatening him with it—held the point toward his chest. Capt. Hanska was a brave man, and very violent in anger. He had one of his terrible spells of temper now. He began to curse Juan. And then his hands went up to his head all of a sudden, and he tumbled over with all his might. He did not know that Juan did not thrust—he is sure now he did not thrust—he only held the knife steady—but it pierced Capt. Hanska through." (In this place, Detective Kennedy had to edit the statement a great deal in order to make it seem for the official archives.)

(To be continued Monday.)

## WILSON AFFIXES HIS SIGNATURE TO TARIFF BILL

Tells Members Present That Reform is Needed if They Would Do Away With Power to Create Monopolies.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Surrounded by the leaders of a united democracy, Pres. Wilson signed the Underwood-Simmons tariff bill at 9:05 Friday night at the white house. Simultaneously telegrams were sent to customs collectors throughout the country by the treasury department putting into actual operation the first democratic tariff revision since 1894. A happy group of legislators, members of the cabinet, and friends encircled the president, as he smilingly sat down, slowly affixed his signature with two gold pens. He presented to Rep. Underwood the pen that had written the word "Voluntarism" and the one which had completed his name to Sen. Simmons, both of whom bowed their appreciation.

In impressive silence, the president rose and delivered a easy, natural, an extemporaneous speech that brought prolonged applause.

**Wants Currency Reform.**

The president declared that the journey of legislative accomplishment had only been partly completed; that a great service had been done for the rank and file of the country, but that the second step in the emancipation business was currency reform. He earnestly called upon his colleagues to go "the rest of the journey with fresh impulse."

"Gentlemen, I feel a very peculiar pleasure," said the president, "in what I have just done by way of taking a part in the completion of a great piece of business. It is a pleasure which is very hard to express in words which are adequate to express the feeling; because the feeling that I have is, that we have done the rank and file of the people of this country a great service. It is hard to speak of these things without seeming to go off into campaign eloquence, but that is not my feeling.

"It is one very profound, a feeling of profound gratitude that working with the splendid men who have carried this thing through with studious attention and doing justice all around, I should have had part in serving the people of this country as we have been striving to serve them ever since I can remember.

**A Boyish Ambition.**

"I have had the accomplishment of something like this at heart since I was a boy and I know men standing around me who can say the same thing—who have been waiting to see the things done which it was necessary to do in order that there might be justice in the United States. And so it is a solemn moment that brings such a business to a conclusion and I hope I will not be thought to be deluding too much of myself or of my colleagues, when I say that this, great as it is, is the accomplishment of only half the journey.

"We have set the business of this country free from those conditions which have made monopoly not only possible, but in a sense easy and natural. But there is no use taking away the conditions of monopoly if we do not take away also the power to create monopoly, and that is a financial, rather than a merely circumstantial and economic power.

"The power to control and guide and direct the credits of the country is the power to say who shall and who shall not build up the industries of the country, in which direction they shall be built, and in which direction they shall not be built. We are now about to take the second, which will be the final step in setting the business of this country free.

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currency bill, which the house has already passed and which I have the utmost confidence the senate will pass much sooner than some pessimistic individuals believe."

Happy and jubilant the invited guests came to the executive offices, Vice Pres. Marshall was ushered into the president's office followed by Speaker Clark, Rep. Underwood and members of the cabinet and congressional committees and their friends. No photographers were admitted as the president regarded the occasion as too solemn to be disturbed by flashlight apparatus.

The guests crowded about the president's desk over which an electric lamp threw a bright glow.

**Nine O'clock Was Chosen.**

"I chose 9 o'clock," explained the president slowly, "on the advice of the attorney general in order that the bill might be signed after business transactions everywhere, including San Francisco, had closed for the day."

Leading figures of the democratic party—Speaker Clark, Secy. Bryan, Rep. Underwood, stood together, sponsors with the president for the first big piece of legislation that had been accomplished in the democratic program of reform. They gave the president their personal congratulations and reiterated promises of support.

"We'll be coming here again in a short time to see the currency bill signed," said Secy. Bryan. Secy. McAdoo spoke with equal confidence.

While the president was surrounded by members of his official family, there was none happier than Joseph R. Wilson, younger brother of the chief executive, who came here from Baltimore tonight to witness the signing. Mrs. Wilson and daughters are still at Cornish, N. H., the summer capital. Besides the officials a large number of newspaper men crowded into the president's office.

There was an informal reception for a few minutes and then the Underwood-Simmons tariff law was carried away to the department of the state and deposited in the archives along with other historic pieces of legislation.

The speed with which congress disposed of the last work of the tariff bill and sent the measure to the white house demonstrated the anxiety of house and senate to get through with the burden that had held them in continuous session since April.

Germans will be the first nation to take advantage of that section of the new tariff act which provides for the negotiation of reciprocity arrangements embodying mutual concessions in customs duties.

The initial steps have been taken to secure such an arrangement.

**MAY SEND MORE TROOPS**

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 4.—Gov. Ferris announced Friday night after a conference here with Adjt. Gen. Vandercok that he will immediately instruct Gen. Abbey, in command of the state troops in the Calumet strike zone, to order three additional militia companies to be prepared for service in case their presence is deemed necessary.

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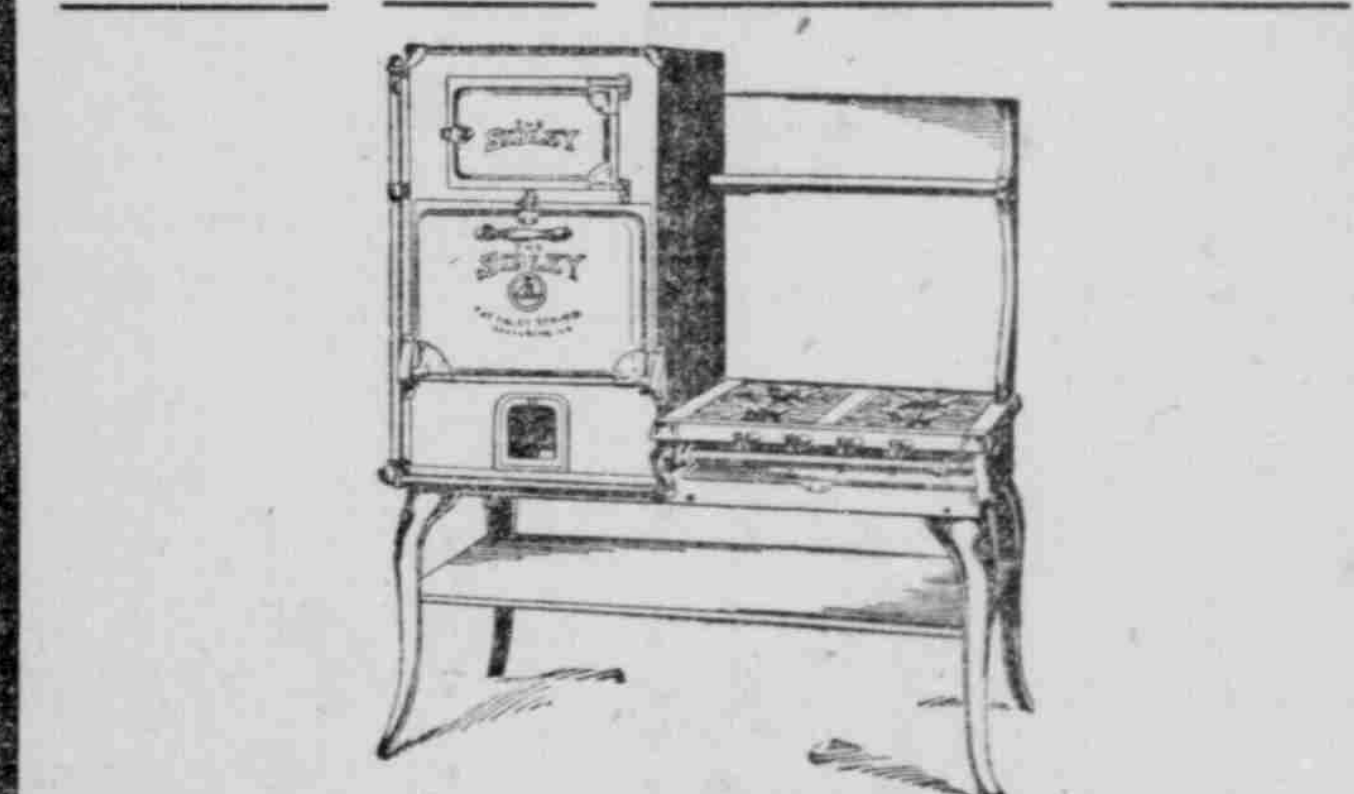
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